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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERON' S RETURN

1. SUMMARY: HUGE CROWDS EXPECTED TO GREET RETURNING LEADER TOMORROW . MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO CONTROL AND PROVIDE FOR CROWD. PERON APPARENTLY WILL BE ONLY SPEAKER AT ARRIVAL CEREMONY AND WILL THEN GO TO HOME IN VICENTE LOPEZ SUBURB. PERON AND CAMPORA SCHEDULED TO RETURN FROM MADRID ON SAME PLANE BUT THERE ARE REPORTS THAT FORMER IRRITATED WITH LATTER' S PERFORMANCE SINCE MAY 25. END SUMMARY.

2. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ALREADY BEGINNING TO ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES FROM ALL OVER COUNTRY VIA AUTO CARAVANS, AND FREE TRAINS AND BUSES. MANY HAVE ALREADY SET UP CAMP NEAR AREA WHERE PERON SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. CGT HAS DECREED WORK STOPPAGE FOR THIS AFTERNOON. MAY 20 AND 21 ARE BOTH HOLIDAYS (FIRST IS FLAG
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DAY, SECOND CORPUS CHRISTI). SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED AS OF TODAY AT NOON. PRESS NOW ESTIMATES THAT AS MANY AS THREE MILLION MAY GATHER IN AREA NEAR EZEIZA TOMORROW TO GREET RETURNING LEADER. PERONIST MOVEMENT IS INVITING ALL ARGENTINES, WHETHER THEY ARE PERONISTS OR NOT. FURTHER, RETURN ON FLAG DAY IS DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE EVENT'S SIGNIFICANCE FOR ALL ARGENTINES.

3. TENTS, MOBILE SANITARY FACILITIES, WATER SUPPLY POINTS AND SOUP KITCHENS ARE BEING SET UP IN CONCENTRATION AREA. FIRST AID FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED. WEATHER HAS TURNED COLD; HENCE, THOUSANDS OF BONFIRES WILL BE BURNING IN CONCENTRATION AREA TONIGHT AND TOMORROW IN EFFORT KEEP CHILL OFF CROWD ALREADY BEGINNING TO GATHER THERE.

4. IN ORDER MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE AND PREVENT REPETITION OF DISORDERS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MAY 25, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUSTICIALIST MOVEMENT HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTION CALLING FOR CALM AND INSTRUCTING ALL UNITS TO APPOINT WARDENS TO ASSURE THAT ORDER AND DISCIPLINE ARE MAINTAINED. IN ADDITION, PERONIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION HAS MOBILIZED SOME TEN THOUSAND MEMBERS WHO WILL HAVE DUTY OF PREVENTING INCIDENTS. THEY WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO WATCH FOR ANY SIGNS OF AGITATION OR PROVOCATIONS AND TO SQUELCH THEM IMMEDIATELY.

5. PERON WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT BY WELCOMING COMMITTEE LED BY VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF CABINET AND LEADERS OF PERONIST MOVEMENT. PERON AND PARTY WILL THEN BE TAKEN BY HELICOPTER TO CONCENTRATION AREA ABOUT TWO MILES FROM AIRPORT. PERON, WHO APPARENTLY IS TO BE ONLY SPEAKER, WILL ADDRESS CROWD AND THEN BE TAKEN TO HIS HOME IN VICENTE LOPEZ. MOVEMENT HAS ALREADY ISSUED ORDERS THAT NO ONE IS TO GO TO HOUSE ITSELF AS LEADER NEEDS TO REST AND WORK.

6. FLIGHT BACK SHOULD BE INTERESTING ONE, WITH CAMPORA AND PERON TOGETHER ON SAME PLANE MANY HOURS. PERONIST SOURCES CONFIRM THAT PERON IS INDEED IRRITATED WITH CAMPORA ON A NUMBER OF COUNTS AND HAS LET LATTER KNOW IT IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. IT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS THAT HE DID NOT GO TO AIRPORT IN MADRID TO RECEIVE CAMPORA OR TO SEVERAL FUNCTIONS IN LATTER'S HONOR. POINTS OF IRRITATION REPORTEDLY INCLUDE: A) MOVEMENT'S FAILURE TO ORGANIZE PROPER CROWD CONTROL ON MAY 25; B) HURRIED PARDON ISSUED BY GOVT
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ON NIGHT OF MAY 25; C) SEVERAL OF CAMPORA'S APPOINTMENTS (FIRST AND FOREMOST, INTMIN RIGHI); AND D) CAMPORA'S FAILURE TO ACT MORE FORCEFULLY IN FACE OF RECENT OCCUPATIONS OF SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER ENTITIES. SOURCES INDICATE THAT BREACH BETWEEN THE TWO IS PROBABLY NOT ALL THAT SERIOUS OR LASTING BUT THAT FOR MOMENT CAMPORA IS PROBABLY VERY UNCOMFORTABLE.
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